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Lawrence M. Noble
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
6<sup>th</sup> Floor
Washington, DC 20463

Re:

MUR 5120

Dear Mr. Noble:

On behalf of my clients, I am writing to request that the deadlines for responding to the complaints in the above captioned matters be extended until there is resolution of the 2000 United States presidential election, which we hope will be by mid-December. The extraordinary circumstances of this presidential election have been all consuming. Additional time is necessary for counsel to zealously represent her clients and discuss with them the merits or lack thereof of any allegations. Once the presidential contest is resolved, we will file responses in a matter of days thereafter. We would be happy to contact you then to discuss specific dates.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Lyn Utrecht

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